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WAR & PEACE

Washington trumps up crisis in Indo-China to keep the war going

By Tabitha Petran

IN Washington's overnight buildup of the "Indo-China crisis," the threat of bigger war in the Far East was clear last week. But the crisis was not in Indo-China: while the "win-the-war" plan of French Gen. Navarre has failed, and the people's army shows growing strength, there was

> ". . . little danger of an imminent French collapse, no great change in the strategic picture . . . military stalemate . . . primarily a political problem" (**Business Week**, 2/13).

The real crisis was in the Western alliance, in Washington's "policy of strength" whose clay feet have been uncovered at the Berlin Conference. Desire in France to end the Indo-China war is "almost unanimous" (Walter Lippmann, 2/11); and already this has been so strengthened by Soviet diplomacy, particularly its stand on China, that Foreign Minister Bidault faces ouster if he return to Paris without some prospect of an end to the fighting (N. Y. **Times**, 2/12). The Soviet proposal for an all-European security pact excluding the U.S., while abruptly rejected by the Western Three, "will have powerful propaganda appeal to many Europeans" (**BW**, 2/13); it has won in France interest and support from "de Gaullists . . . and many Centrists . . . whose support is required to keep the present French government in office" (N. Y. **Post**, 2/14).

CRISIS & THREAT: This growing French rebelliousness threatens the structure of U.S. policy in Europe and in Asia. Washington's "Indo-China crisis" is a response to that fact and is aimed directly against France. Its objectives are: 1) to make it impossible for France to negotiate or end the war by withdrawal; 2) to assume direction of the war and so oust France from its privileged economic position in the colony; 3) to tighten the U.S. grip on France to hold it within the alliance.

Two facts are now widely recognized even in the U.S. press: that the loyalty of the people to Ho Chi Minh's independence movement is the real reason for France's failure in Indo-China, and that the French don't need more planes or arms, since they already

> ". . . have five times as much armaments as the Communists at least . . . and complete mastery of the air with or without the extra U.S. technicians" (James Reston, NYT, 2/12).

THE FIRE-EATERS: Against this background, these developments exposed Washington's hand:

- After France rejected the President's demand at Bermuda that the U.S. take over training of native puppet troops, Washington sent its Far East ground forces commander, Gen. John O'Daniel, to Saigon for conferences with the French High Command. O'Daniel, according to the N.Y. **World-Telegram** (2/10), had been demanding a greater U.S. share in the war's "man-

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DEMOCRATS YELL TO IKE FOR HELP

GOP opens 'rat sewer politics' campaign; Lincoln elbowed off platform on his day

By Lawrence Emery

AT a two-day meeting early this month the Republican Natl. Committee voted itself a record $3,800,000 war-chest for off-year Congressional elections, adopted a strategy of soft-pedaling the Eisenhower program, loud-pedaling the McCarthy smear. By last week the country had a full taste of what it's in for: a brawling, eye-gouging, groin-kicking campaign which the Washington **Post** (2/13) banner-headlined as "'Rat Sewer' Politics."

GOP Natl. Comm. chairman Leonard Hall led off with a blast at Democrats as spreaders of "gloom and doom," a sin he likened to betrayal; he was followed by the President's assistant Sherman Adams who denounced Democrats as "political sadists." (The sadism charge angered them most; they looked it up in the dictionary, found it had the connotations of a very dirty word.)

HEAPS OF SLIME: McCarthy himself, with official GOP blessings, took off on a speaking tour castigating Democrats for "20 Years of Treason"; his thesis: "The label 'Democrat' is stitched with the idiocy of a Truman, rotted by the deceit of an Acheson, corrupted by the red slime of a White." On his jaunt he traveled in fancy planes owned by big Texas oil firms; when he finished his stint at a $100-a-plate dinner in Dallas he took off for a hunting trip in Mexico with multi-millionaire oil-man Clint Murchison.

A small army of GOP orators barnstormed the country for extended Lincoln Birthday rallies. (During their absence, Democrats agreed not to push anything important in Congress; Re-

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STUDY IN STATURE
President Eisenhower (life size) laid a wreath at Lincoln's statue at the Lincoln Memorial on Feb. 12, then flew to Georgia to shoot quail.

CONFERENCE OF AMERICAS OPENS MARCH 1

U.S. seeks to McCarthyize Latin America to tighten the grip of the Yankee dollar

By Kumar Goshal

ON March 1, in Caracas, Venezuela, top representatives of 21 American republics—including the U.S.—will hold the Tenth Conference of the Organization of American States. Of the 28 items on the agenda—impressively diversified on paper—the one entitled "Intervention of International Communism in the American Republics" has been given top priority by the U.S. for understandable reasons.

The U.S. long ago earmarked Latin America as a special preserve for its industrial and financial magnates. In 1895, Secy. of State Richard Olney flatly declared: "The U.S. is practically sovereign on this continent, and its fiat is law upon the subjects to which it confines its interposition. . . ." Today the U.S.' enormously profitable stake in Latin America is over 40% of its total investment abroad. Between 1943 and 1950 alone, its investment there rose by 71%: Standard Oil of N.J. made 36c profit for every dollar invested in Venezuela, in comparison to 16c in the U.S.; General Motors in its Latin American plants made 94c profit for every dollar invested against 19c in the U.S.

HUNGER & HITLERS: U.S. control and exploitation of Latin American resources and cheap labor and the Latin American market for U.S. goods has resulted in stark poverty, economic backwardness, and rule by dictators. (In this area Peru's Odria, Paraguay's Chaves, Argentina's Peron, Cuba's Batista, Salvador's Osorio, Nicaragua's Somoza, Panama's Remon, Haiti's Magloire, the Dominican Republic's Trujillo are all surpassed by Perez Jimenez of the conference host-country itself, Venezuela. Writing to the N.Y. **Times** (8/30/53) about the "thousands of political prisoners" in Caracas jails, former Venezuelan President Romulo Botancourt said:

> "It would be irony for the free world to convene at a place where the screams of the tortured can be heard."

Of the 20 republics, only seven can boast of more or less democratic governments: Bolivia, Chile, Guatemala, Mexico, Uruguay, Brazil and Costa Rica.

Since the end of World War II, however, there has been a swelling popular demand for freedom from foreign exploitation and political control, for development of domestic resources for the people's own benefit. This groundswell affected even some governments normally amenable to U.S. pressure. Mexico and Bolivia have nationalized U.S.-owned oil and tin industries; Brazil has barred foreigners from participating in its oil development—"a bitter pill for Washington" (**U.S. News**, 10/2/53); Costa Rica dallies with the thought of nationalizing United Fruit

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BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Did you notice how many Republican Party big-wigs and stuffed-shirts, in Lincoln Day speeches across the country, claimed Lincoln for their own? The Republican Party satraps used their usual pompous phrases and platitudes in their orations, but did you notice not one of them quoted the following by the Great Emancipator:

"Labor is prior to, and independent of capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much the higher consideration." **David Veritas**

Social Security

WASHINGTON, D. C.

After reading your article on Social Security (Jan. 11) I find myself strongly oposed to your position. Organized labor has a stake in the existing system and the author of the article takes the labor line and opposes (he says) the Chamber of Commerce. That is not a bad idea provided one does not violate one's principles in so doing.

The existing Social Security system is built on the principles of capitalism. Pensions are bought on a restricted market and their size depends on the wealth of the purchaser, i.e., the amount of salary or wages which he receives and his total payments. Under this system one man may eat enough with 3,000 calories or more and be comfortable at temperatures of around 70 degrees in winter. Another person who is less lucky, less selfish or less practical must go hungry on 1,500 calories and shiver at 50 degrees.

It is a system in which the Devil (or charity) must take the hindermost. The unsoundness of this system would be more apparent to us if capitalist ideology had not gnawed into our souls.

The social (or socialist) attitude is that need and not wealth (salaries or wages) should be the basis for establishing pensions. The basic needs for all persons for food, shelter and clothing are practically the same. Therefore pensions should be the same, with provision for variable items such as medical service (until they are made free).

To break the unequal capitalist Social Security system and to replace it with a system based on need, it is desirable: (1) that funds now expended on public assistance payments should be converted into pensions (which are not considered charity); and (2) that the "contractual" concept of the so-called "trust fund"—and anything which makes a contributor think of his contribution as an investment from which he will get exactly proportionate returns—must be completely eradicated. The fund itself is not unsound and the government will find it politically desirable to make appropriations in support of pensions.

Regardless of motives or companions, Rep. Curtis seems to be on the right track to effect an improvement in our Social Security system. **Jim Higgins**

How crazy can you get dept.

. . . The Rev. Dr. John H. McComb declared in his sermon yesterday morning at the Broadway Presbyterian Church . . . that those who "still imagine world peace can be achieved by the nations sitting down together and talking over their differences, are naive, indeed, and disregard what the Bible teaches."

—N. Y. Times, Feb. 1.

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They falter on Yalta

BEREA, O.

The bracketing of Yalta with Munich is one of the dirtiest political tricks of all time. Bricker is still hammering at it. Now, at the height of the Presidential campaign in 1952, I asked a Republican friend, "What was bad about Yalta?" He answered, "I don't know." How many millions of Americans are there who can't remember what was said and done at Yalta? Why not have a little feature on it now and then? **J. B.**

The Callaway taste

CALLAWAY, MINN.

Each week we eagerly await your truth-telling little paper. This week we especially liked the article on Brazil by Elmer Bendiner. **Joseph A. Gregory**

Good, but . . .

PUERTO NUEVO, P. R.

Think your coverage on Puerto Rico is good but not enough. Long live the friendship between the Puerto Rican and the American people! Long live the Independence of Puerto Rico! **Leonard Schlafer**

No controversy

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam was denied use of the Philharmonic Auditorium recently because he is "controversial."

Pianist Walter Gieseking was permitted use of the Philharmonic last week.

It figures. Gieseking isn't "controversial." Everyone knows he is a Nazi, having lived in Nazi Germany during World War II and having entertained the Nazi elite and haveing supported the Nazi regime. **Evan Stern Egan**

Wall Street Journal

"I've never heard such corny lyrics, such simpering sentimentality, such repetitious uninspired melody. Man we've got a hit on our hands."

Rumblings

PORTLAND, ORE.

Things are stirring around this neck of the woods. Not of great proportions but people are gradually getting over their fears of McCarthy and Velde. **Dirk DeJonge**

Marian LeSueur

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Enclosed is a contribution of $5 in memory of Mrs. Marian LeSueur. **Doris Olds**

A full life spent unstintingly in the service of peace and human betterment came to a close Jan. 26, with the death of Marian LeSueur of Minneapolis in her 76th year. Widow of Arthur LeSueur, Minneapolis municipal judge noted for his espousal of "unpopular" causes, Mrs. LeSueur paralleled her husband's career with leadership in founding her state's Farmer-Labor Party. She became its state chairman in 1944 when it merged with the Democrats to become the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party (DFL). She left the DFL in 1948 to support Henry Wallace for President, was executive director of the Minnesota Progressive Party in 1952 and PP candidate for U. S. Senator in that year "to give the men and women of Minnesota a chance to vote for peace." A memorial service Feb. 14 at Minneapolis Unitarian Church was attended by 200 people representing farm, labor, education, and all shades of political view. She leaves two sons, Mac and Winston, and a daughter Meridel, noted poet and author, whose latest book The River Road, a story of Abraham Lincoln's boyhood, will be published in March by Alfred Knopf. Ed.

Welcome any time

SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

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REPORT TO READERS

A big 12-page Guardian March 15—and thereafter

IN what may be the Year of Decision, the NATIONAL GUARDIAN has made its own decision: to put out a bigger, better and more useful progressive newsweekly.

Beginning with the issue of March 15, the size of the GUARDIAN which goes across the country will be increased from eight to 12 pages. The additional pages will make possible the following changes:

- **Expanded coverage of regional news.**
- **New attention to books, plays, films and other cultural activities.**
- **News of the New York area which has proved such a sparkling hit in our New York Edition.**
- **More photographs and cartoons available in no other American publication.**

HAVE WE HIT on a uranium mine? Not on your life? The Buck-of-the-Month pledges have been coming in well, but we're still watching the mails each day for the longer green.

Are we on Easy Street in the circulation dept.? Nope. The renewals are coming in, but it takes plenty of prodding. And we could stand many more new names on the subscription stencils.

We're extending our national edition because in this Year of Decision it is a **must**: because the job of giving progressive America the information it demands and needs just can't be done in our present eight pages. Some of the vital services our new elbow-room will enable us to perform between now and summer will be:

- A series prepared by Americans who were actively associated with the New Deal (now under attack by McCarthy, Jenner & Co. as "treason") on how its solutions might apply to America today.
- The case for amnesty for all present political victims—the facts on the ever-broadening persecution of dissenters, to help inspire an atmosphere in which political bigotry will wither and die.
- More articles on the fight-back against political inquisitions around the country; local and economists' reports on the growing threat of unemployment.
- A series dissecting the old-line, big-city political machine typified by New York's Tammany Hall—how it works, what it feeds on, who drives it.

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We'll be doing our part in getting out a bigger and better GUARDIAN starting March 15. Will you do yours?

—THE EDITORS

The Hallinan trial

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

I had opportunity to attend almost all of the court sessions in the recent trial of Vincent Hallinan and his wife. Mrs. Hallinan was acquitted. Question arises as to why Mrs. Hallinan was even indicted, for the prosecution did not have a case against her. As for Mr. Hallinan, I could see no reason for the conviction. There was no fraud or dishonesty. He made no effort to hide anything; there was full disclosure of his transactions.

The prosecution made much of the fact that he had placed relatives on his payroll, making inference that this represented a device to evade payment of income taxes. Mr. Hallinan maintained that he had a right to place them on his payroll, and offered evidence that he had paid the employer's social security contribution. In any case, the relatives got the money—not Mr. Hallinan.

If this trial establishes that placing relatives on the payroll is sufficient reason for conviction on charge of income tax evasion, a great many people conducting business in good faith are imperiled.

An item in the local paper said Mr. Hallinan had received an unsigned letter from one of the jurors to the effect that, during the deliberations, some of the members of the jury were more concerned with the fact that he had defended Harry Bridges than with the offerings of the prosecution.

In the interest of abstract justice, it is to be hoped that this verdict will be officially recognized as having been in error and that restitution will be made. **F. Sauer**

"HO CHI MINH . . . IS VIET NAM"

The facts on the Indo-China war

Ho Chi Minh . . . is Viet Nam. That strange little figure, so meek in appearance yet so determined in purpose, embodies the spirit, the aspirations and probably the future of the new state. He molded it, he put it through the fire and he will guide it.
—N. Y. Times editorial, 9/21/46.

AGAINST President Ho's Viet Nam Republic—now transformed into "Red rebels" in the U. S. press —Washington is today pouring arms, munitions, planes, helicopters, tanks, naval vessels, an aircraft carrier, some 400 U. S. mechanics. This is the "aggressor Viet Minh" Washington wants to crush:

Viet Nam Do Clap Dong Minh (League of Independence for Viet Nam)—composed of Socialist, Democratic, Nationalist, Marxist parties and Catholic, Buddhist, Confucian, landlord non-party organizations—was born during World War II, when the people fought against joint Japanese-Vichy rule and helped Free French escape to, and co-operated with U.S. soldiers in, South China. In August, 1945, Viet Minh overthrew the Japanese puppet government of former Annam Emperor Bao Dai, proclaimed a Republic. After Japan's surrender, Anglo-French forces tried to reconquer this colony long known as the "most corruptly administered" in the world (Owen Lattimore, **The Situation in Asia,** 1949). They defeated the independence movement in the south, re-established French control in the Indo-Chinese "associated states" of Laos and Cambodia. But after six months' warfare France in March, 1946, was forced to recognize the Free Republic of Viet Nam within the French Union. Ho had been elected President on Jan. 6, 1946; his government had Bao Dai's official blessing when Bao moved to the French Riviera to concentrate on playboy activities.

FRANCE AGGRESSES: The U. S. loan to France in June, 1946, bolstered its colonial ambitions. With the French Command in Indo-China firmly controlled by Vichyites, France broke the March agreement: set up a puppet government in Cochin China, which had been promised a free plebiscite; poured troops into Viet Nam in violation of the agreed 15,000 limit; terrorized and attacked Viet Nam troops who refused to withdraw from territory recognized as theirs. The war began when French commandos looted Hanoi on Dec. 17, 1946, massacring its defenders, forcing Ho's government to flee. Ho's repeated requests for negotiations, thereafter, were met by new military drives.

In February, 1947, President Ho in a letter to a **Reuters** correspondent denied Viet Nam's program was socialist or communist, declaring:

"It is quite simply:

"(a) To produce enough so that every citizen has sufficient rice and cloth not to die of hunger and cold. Last year we avoided starvation.

"(b) To teach all citizens how to read and write. Last year 2,500,000 finished this course.

"(c) To make every citizen enjoy democratic freedom. Last year universal suffrage was granted —men and women above 18 years of age voted at the elections and a democratic constitution was adopted by the National Assembly. We have not gone as far in nationalization as England or France" (N. Y. **Times,** 3/6/46).

THE HOPELESS WAR: Ho warned the war would last 20 years and France could not win. An officer

WHY THE FRENCH CALL IT "THE DIRTY WAR"
Imperialism has set brother against brother

of the Foreign Legion—France's fighting force in Indo-China, which was "heavily armed almost exclusively with American equipment" (**NYT,** 1/13/47) and made up 80% of "former German war prisoners . . . hard, professional soldiers, true mercenaries" (**NYT,** 5/2/47)—told the **NYT:** "For France the road to colonial war is the road to ruin" (1/18/47). The French Communists said continuance of the war

". . . would involve early recourse by France to financial and military aid from abroad, which would mean the surrender of our national independence."

Before the end of 1948 **AP, Manchester Guardian, Christian Science Monitor** correspondents reported the French situation in Indo-China hopeless. But by 1948 the U. S. had begun to subsidize the war indirectly through the Marshall Plan, which also opened the colony to U. S. exploitation. (U. S. Rubber, Am. Smelting & Refining, Am. Metal Co., Caltex, Goodrich Rubber, Intl. Telephone & Telegraph were among U. S. trusts which subsequently won Indo-China concessions as the price of U. S. aid, paid by the U. S. tax payer.)

THE "GET CHINA" PLAN: In 1949 NATO provided direct military aid to France. By early 1950 the French Union Force in Indo China was so completely U. S.-equipped it was "difficult to distinguish from an American military aggregation" (**NYT** Magazine, 5/28/50). Indo-China had become one flank in the overall U. S. plan to reconquer China, launched in Korea in June, 1950. In May, 1951, it received "priority on U. S. arms second only to that given UN forces in the Korean War" (**U. S. News,** 1/18/52), while U. S. generals for the next year tried to mobilize the encircling assault on China (GUARDIAN, 1/23/52). Defeat in Korea blocked the plan but it has never been abandoned, as Joint Chiefs Chairman Adm. Radford frequently states. Washington's goal remains that stated by the State Dept. 10/5/51: the Viet Minh "must be decisively conquered down to the last pocket of resistance" since otherwise the "free world" would lose 80% of its rubber and 50% of its tin.

Since the Korean truce, Washington has intensified its efforts to oust the French colonialists, demanding France grant "independence" to its puppet regimes (so the U. S. may control them), upping its "aid," insisting the weary French fight on. Washington claims victory can be won if 1) native troops are trained in sufficient number (and by the U. S.); and 2) the people's loyalties are won.

CHIANG OUT-CHIANGED: In J.-P. Sartre's **Les Temps Modernes** (8 & 9/53) Guy de Chambre and Jean-Jacques Salomon wrote:

"Hardly are they [the Bao Dai army] instructed and armed, than they pass to the other side. It is to be believed that the general staff of the Popular Army encourages Annamites to enlist in the French ranks: so many men whose defection will be that much more resounding and who, in going over to the Popular Army, will furnish it with free arms and ammunition. . . ."

In the same magazine Jean Clementin reported:

"The territories controlled by the Expeditionary Force and 'administered' by Bao Dai have returned to a feudal condition such as no Asian people has ever known. . . . [The Bao Dai puppet regime installed by France in 1947] has been from first to last a foreign body in Viet Nam . . . in the matter of falling apart, it surpasses the Kuomintang. The Chiang regime was invaded and undermined by corruption. The Bao Dai regime was founded on corruption . . . the concentration camp and all forms of fascist repression have been introduced. . . . In this incredible regime of muck and infamy everything is for sale, from an orderly to the Chief of State. . . . To pretend the Viet Nam people could one day accept this regime—what an insult!"

War & Peace

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agement and direction . . . and has urged the Joint Chiefs to consider seriously 'limited participation' as a starter."

- As Washington disclosed the sending of more U. S. technicians and bombers, and U. S. operation of a Japan-Indo-China airlift, Defense Secy. Wilson said Feb. 9 that O'Daniel might head the U. S. military mission in Indo-China. To the "astonishment" and "bitterness" of French parliamentary circles (N. Y. **Herald Tribune,** 2/11), he proclaimed "military victory . . . both possible and probable."

- The President, carefully evading the question of ultimate all-out war, justified stepped-up intervention as designed to prevent such embroilment. At the same time U. S. Ambassador to Japan Allison and U. S. Far East Commander Hull returned home, bearing Rhee's offer to send a S. Korean division to Indo-China and advice "on what American troops and equipment could safely be removed from Korea to Indo-China if the U. S. decides upon such a course" (**NYWT,** 2/9). In Saigon, U. S. Far East Air Chief Weyland concluded talks with French Defense Minister Pleven (carrying extraordinary authority from his government) and French C-in-C Navarre. The Pentagon said they "had exchanged firm assurances that Indo-China will not be permitted to fall to the Reds" (**INS,** 2/12).

STEP BY STEP: What the Joint Chiefs want, said **Time** (2/15), is to: 1) install a U. S. commander; 2) support him with U. S. air power and a naval blockade of the China coast; 3) give him money and men to develop native armies—as Van Fleet did in Greece and Korea. O'Daniel's task, as head of a "top-level military mission to guide French strategy" (**INS,** 2/12), is to build up piecemeal this program which is not now politically feasible. **NYT's** James Reston (2/17) said "there are official indications" France might give O'Daniel "some responsibility" in training puppet troops; he would tactfully "drop in rank to major general so he will not outrank" French Gen. Navarre.

"DON'T WANT U. S.": Most significant in the crisis buildup was Washington's complete silence about the French demand to end the war—the cause of the real crisis. French reaction showed not only the strength of the demand but the opposition of the colonialists, as well as the people, to any further U. S. intervention. In Washington, a French Embassy spokesman said France will reject use of any foreign troops "and that goes for the U. S. at this point." In Paris, a spokesman said: "We want to limit not expand the war." **NYT** reported from Saigon (2/14):

"French officials do not want U. S. military forces to take part in the war in Indo-China. . . . [They want to] avoid the infringement of France's special position in Indo-China that they feel would result. . . ."

Neither do they want the U. S. to have an advisory role. A French official told **NYT's** Tillman Durdin that, since

". . . the French Union forces were doing the fighting and dying, not the Americans, it was felt that decisions must be taken by the French. . . . [Durdin added that the French also believe] linking the Indo-Chinese struggle too closely to U. S. policies towards Communist China might make settlement more difficult."

PUPPETS & FAIRY TALES: The question remained whether France could prevent a U. S. takeover in Indo-China; **NYT** (12/23/52) interpreted NATO's 1952 resolution of support to the French in Indo-China as barring France from "seeking any negotiations with the enemy without consulting her allies."

Legalism aside, France's independence hung in the balance. If the U. S. can keep France fighting, in face of the popular outcry against the war, it will hold France in the same puppet status in which Hitler held Vichy. That status for France is implicit in the European Defense Community (EDC). The influential W. German **Christ und Welt** (9/24/53) pointed out that for France EDC means "the execution of a death sentence" which France has tried to postpone by acting "like the beautiful Scheherazade who delayed her execution from one day to another by telling the Sultan each night a new fairy tale."

If Bidault at Berlin appeared to be seeking to put an end to the fairy tales, speed the execution, he was (as GUARDIAN's Gordon Schaffer reported from Berlin) giving Dulles full backing in Europe in the hope of getting U. S. backing to end the Indo-China war. Dulles may be forced to agree, but Washington was clearly trying to assume control in Indo-China before any such move and before any new French government can be formed.

SILENT AMERICANS: The danger that Washington will precipitate an Asian, perhaps a world war, is real. U. S. intervention in Indo-China cannot succeed, but one desperate step after another in vain efforts to retrieve the situation can lead to all-out war. Furthermore, in the mounting frustration of Washington's policy, the Radford-led military and the China Lobby politicians—whose solution to all problems is war on China—are again seizing the initiative.

Yet the obstacles are also real: not only the strength of peace forces abroad, but that—as Wilson conceded—"most Americans are not very keen for us to go there." The war danger is recognized by some members of Congress, which "is not eager for bolder action in Indo-China" (Reston, **NYT,** 2/15), but their attitude seems to be a resigned skepticism about long-range chances of avoiding embroilment and a belief that if the "situation gets worse, the U. S. will have no alternative." Grassroots pressure on Congress, of which there is as yet little, if any, could spur a real fight against further war and for a Far East settlement.

At Berlin, the realities of world power and the pressure of all Europe for such a settlement have forced Dulles into some retreat from his rigid opposition to a five-power conference with China. Although the West still insisted on impossible conditions, some sort of Far East conference still seemed possible. If held, it could erect another major barrier to Washington's attempts to save its collapsing policy by war. . .

Latin America

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Co. holdings; and at the seventh session of UN, a modified Latin American resolution affirming all peoples' inalienable right to their natural resources—irrespective of current ownership—was passed despite strenuous U.S. opposition. Trade unions have been gaining strength; strikes are more prevalent, and in Brazil, Chile and Uruguay have become part of a mass anti-imperialist movement.

CHILLY TRADE WINDS: Two recent developments have chilled the spines of those in the U.S. who control Latin America's economy: the growth of its trade with the socialist countries, and the example to other Latin Americans

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set by the genuinely democratic Guatemalan government. Trade with the socialist world has been small so far, although Latin American imports from there rose from $29½ to $57¼ million from 1947 to 1951; but recent contracts between the two groups promise a big increase soon. Brazil, Chile and Uruguay have signed new trade pacts with the socialist countries of Europe. Chile has signed one with China as well. Fulfillment of the U.S.S.R's and Czechoslovakia's pacts with Argentina may raise the level of their trade almost to the level of U.S. trade with Argentina. What is most significant is that under these pacts the Latin American countries will exchange their products largely for capital goods and essential raw materials for industry.

HOLD BACK THE DAWN: Observing the situation a year ago, Secy. Dulles told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (U.S. News, 1/23/53):

"... We will wake up some morning and read in the newspapers that there happened in S. America the same kind of thing that happened in China in '49 ... [The time to meet] the same kind of thing that happened in China is before it reaches the strength that the Communist movement did in China in '49."

How this is to be done is blueprinted in a report entitled "Strengthening Internal Security" (see below), prepared under the direction of State Dept. agent Charles G. Fenwick, director of the Pan-American Union's Dept. of Intl. Law in Washington, D.C. The U.S. plans an all-out effort for its adoption at Caracas. Declaring that its aim is "to meet the special and immediate threat of the subversive actions of international communism," the report urges the 21 American republics to "examine their own laws and regulations and adopt [necessary] changes."

FORGOTTEN WISDOM: This blueprint for continental McCarthyization would stifle even mildly liberal sentiments; erect barriers against travel and international exchange of ideas, making citizens of the Americas virtual prisoners within their own countries' boundaries. It would eliminate the right of political asylum—still to some extent honored in Latin America, as in the cases of Spanish Loyalists in Mexico, the Brazilian journalist Pedro Motta Lima who has taken refuge in Uruguay, and the Peruvian opposition leader Haya de la Torre who took asylum in the Colombian embassy in Lima five years ago and is still there. It would equate any political dissent with treason, helping maintain dictatorial regimes; and would make strikes and other union activity "treasonable."

The hoped-for result would be protection of U.S. investments and profits. These measures are urged, in the name of "anti-communism," to prevent Latin America from following the pattern of the Chinese Revolution. Dulles and his colleagues at Caracas are unlikely to consider the wise words of Justice Douglas (The Progressive, 8/51):

"The revolutions which are brewing are **not**, however, Communist in origin nor will they end even if Soviet Russia is crushed through war. The revolutionaries are hungry men who have been exploited from time out of mind. This is the century of their awakening and mobilization."

(A forthcoming article on the Latin American ferment will deal with Guatemala)

Webster & Jefferson roll in graves as Washington defines Latin American "subversion," tells what to do about it

These are some of the points in Washington's "Strengthening Internal Security" plan which it will press on the 20 republics at the Caracas conference:

- Both "sabotage and espionage ... are subversive activities"; acts inimical to the State can be of "commission or omission."
- "Sabotage is every act or failure to act which destroys, damages, interrupts, or delays the production of materials and instruments essential to the national defense or civil economy."
- "Sabotage and espionage" are "considered as 'acts of political aggression,'" and "persons accused ... for both crimes may not invoke the right of asylum nor seek the protection of the principle barring extradition."
- "Precautionary measures" should be taken "for the protection of factories, vital installations, etc., the operation of which is essential to the internal stability."
- It would be wise "to prevent the agents of international communism, aliens or nationals, from having access to sources of military, political or economic information."
- To control "subversive propaganda ... there should be established a strict supervision and suppression of the use ... of the press, whether broadcast or published, public displays, publications, teaching activities, or any other means of communications with the mass of the public or any segment of it."
- A "subversive organization frequently is a political party" which may or may not use the name of "Communist."
- A "disloyal official ... is one variety 'sui generis' of the traitor"; he can be a public official or a labor leader or even just a member of a union, and must be removed from office; "infiltration of communism" into labor unions must be arrested through "adequate and efficacious measures."
- Action must be taken against "tourists ... who may use the facilities arranged by international tourists' conferences and congresses to carry on subversive activities"; since "agents of international communism are [mainly] nationals," they must be prevented "from moving from one place to another."
- When accused of "subversive propaganda," it would be considered immaterial whether the accused are "individuals or organizations, or whether they are members or not of such organizations."
- "Subversive acts," considering "the motives really inspiring them," may be classified as "treason"; "subversive propaganda [also] in fact acquires the essential characteristics of an act of treason. ... When the author, accomplice or accessory is a national, the punishment should be that for treason [and] must be severe enough."
- The objective of all this must be "the effective eradication in the Americas of the current propaganda in favor of Soviet doctrines."

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Brownell asks speed on 'immunity bill'

LAST July 9 the U.S. Senate adopted a bill that would destroy the protection of the Fifth Amendment, which provides that no person may be compelled to testify against himself. Under the Senate measure, a Congressional investigating committee could be empowered by House or Senate majority vote to grant "immunity" to a witness invoking the protection of the Amendment. The witness would then be compelled to talk—and to name names—or go to jail automatically for contempt. The House took no action that session on the bill because Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell was dissatisfied with it; he wanted his office, not Congress, to have final authority to grant immunity.

When the present session of Congress opened on Jan. 6, one of the first bills introduced in the House was HR 6899, a Brownell-version of the "immunity" measure sponsored by Rep. Kenneth B. Keating (R-N.Y.). Till now, the House Judiciary Committee has not acted on it. But last week Chairman Chauncey W. Reed (R-Ill.) had a communication from Brownell; it demanded "prompt consideration."

Companion measures to legalize wiretapping and permit wiretap evidence in federal courts are also pending in both Senate and House.

Bloch N.Y. Memorial meeting Feb. 23

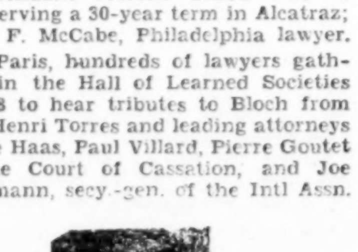
A MEMORIAL meeting for Emanuel H. Bloch, fighting lawyer for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg who died of a heart attack as he faced court proceedings that might have disbarred him, was announced for Feb. 23 at New York's Manhattan Center. The Bloch Memorial Committee (Prof. Ephraim Cross, secy.) listed these speakers: John Finerty, lawyer associated with Bloch in the Rosenberg case; John T. McManus, gen. manager of the GUARDIAN; Helen Sobell, wife of Rosenberg co-defendant Morton Sobell who is now serving a 30-year term in Alcatraz; Louis F. McCabe, Philadelphia lawyer.

In Paris, hundreds of lawyers gathered in the Hall of Learned Societies Feb. 8 to hear tributes to Bloch from Sen. Henri Torres and leading attorneys Andre Haas, Paul Villard, Pierre Goutet of the Court of Cassation, and Joe Nordmann, secy.-gen. of the Intl Assn. of Democratic Lawyers. A message from Louis Nogueres, former pres. of the High Court of Justice, and former Premier Paul Boncourt, expressed their homage for Emanuel Bloch's and his father's (Alexander Bloch) "courage in their role of free defenders."

The French press continued to express deep concern about the future of the two Rosenberg children following the death of the guardian to whom their parents committed them. Announcement of the opening of a "French Fund for the Rosenberg Children," appealing to "all in our country who protested against the condemnation and execution of their parents," was made by an inter-faith, inter-party group headed by the Rev. Fr. Dabosville (Catholic), Pastor Wesphal (Protestant), Grand Rabbi Schilli, poet-film maker Jean Cocteau, philosopher Jacques Madaule and writers Elsa Triolet, Louis Aragon, Jean-Paul Sartre and Francois Mauriac.

THE WALLS OF ALCATRAZ: From Morton Sobell in Alcatraz came this message to his wife:

"My first reaction was that they have done it again, they have killed another innocent, another fighter, another defender of the people. I'm sure Manny did not feel that his work was finished when he had completed the children's fund. He knew as well as we have come to know that there is no stopping point in the fight to make our country, in fact, the Free World. ... It is a bitter loss, and the walls of Alcatraz close in a little with the news of his death. If we are to live, hundreds with Manny's courage and devotion must step forward to follow where he has led. I, for my part, will continue to fight in every way I can, and I will hold Manny Bloch's memory green in my heart."



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WAGNER-DEWEY: ROUND 2

1,000 prod Albany for more state aid; DeSapio in bigtime

EARLY this month Mayor Wagner and a brigade of statisticians sat down with the Governor and staff behind closed doors (GUARDIAN, 2/15) to press the city's demand for $145,000,000 in increased taxing power or state aid. Last week he was back in Albany for a public presentation before a joint hearing of the Senate Finance and Assembly Ways & Means committees.

He told reporters that if the state continued to "short-change" the city by turning down his proposals it would mean postponement of pay-raises for teachers and others, of the building of new schools and hospitals and strengthening of the police department.

1,000 GO LOBBYING: Though the Mayor's staff had taken precautions to keep the presentation "secret," the Governor's budget director D. Norman Hurd appeared as soon as the Mayor had finished with his carefully-prepared charts to demonstrate the state's rebuttal. David McConnell, N.Y. **Herald Tribune** Albany correspondent, commented: "The quick reply to the Mayor by an official administration spokesman was seen as new evidence that both the city and state are going through the motions of making a record for political purposes before sitting down to agree on a mutually acceptable plan."

Whatever the show might mean for the Governor and the Mayor, there was some lobbying plainly on the level. More than 1,000 persons, representing 76 organizations with 156 spokesmen, filled the hearing chamber; most backed the Mayor's demands for aid. The United Parents Assn. delegation of 700 demanded greatly increased aid to education.

Stephen J. White, ALP Bronx chairman and state vice-chairman, denounced Dewey's proposed budget as a "do-nothing, give-nothing, take-away budget." ALP demands were for repeal of rent and fare boosts, public works program, school construction, increased taxes on real estate, greater range of tax exemptions for wage earners (see GUARDIAN, 2/8). The lobby included spokesmen for organizations ranging from Day Care Centers and the Teachers Union to the Communist Party.

UP DeSAPIO: In the city there were three weathervanes that forecast political minds. Tammany, which took over City Hall last November, reached for national power and patronage. For the first time in history a Tammany boss was elected to the Democratic Natl. Committee when the Democratic State Committee chose Carmine DeSapio to take the place of the late Boss Flynn.

His prime sponsor was Mayor

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And nobody voted "No"

Everything was sweetness and light, and nothing was heard—not even the song of a bird—about the notorious corruption of the organization he bossed, when Tammany Sachem Carmine De Sapio was picked (the first one in history) to sit on the Democratic Natl. Committee as one of the party's national leaders. Celebrating the happy event at the Waldorf-Astoria were N.Y. Democratic State Committee chairman Richard H. Balch, De Sapio (with glasses), Franklin Roosevelt Jr. and Mayor Wagner.

THE FUN BEGINS IN THE 18TH C. D.

Mink-Cadillac set huddles to keep Marc out of Congress

By Elmer Bendiner

THE quiet filing of incorporation papers by the Good Neighbors Party rang like a fire alarm in the headquarters of Rep. James G. Donovan (D-N.Y.), who in 1950 took Vito Marcantonio's seat in Congress as the result of a coalition of Democrats, Republicans, Liberals in the 18th CD.

Donovan, who has made few friends, many enemies in office, faces opposition in the Democratic primary though he probably has the GOP bid assured. Last time Donovan needed all the support he could get from the three parties to beat Marcantonio who, running on the ALP ticket, chalked up by far the highest vote on any one line.

FILERS CLOSE RANKS: Almost at once the "Rank-and-File Comm. of Independent Democrats, Republicans and Liberals," under whose banner

JAMES G. DONOVAN
The rank and what?

Donovan won four years ago, was revived. The **Daily News** ran an alarmed editorial entitled "Fast Action on Marc," applauding the "rank-and-filers" who with "swiftly closed ranks . . . stand by to see what Marc does and to counter any move he may make to get back to Congress."

The News listed the committee's eight members and gave the headquarters' phone and address, 435 E. 86th St., AT 9-7320. It turned out to be the office of **New Yorksky Dennik**, a Czechoslovak-language newspaper owned, edited and chiefly read by "refugees" from the present Czechoslovakian Republic.

The paper's manager is Andrew J. Voluchek, who is listed as one of the eight stop-Marc rank-and-filers. In 1949 when Sen. McCarran (D-Nev.) as chairman of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee (now under Jenner) investigated the Slav Congress, Voluchek appeared as a "friendly witness," and offered names.

REFINED PEOPLE: Reached by telephone, **New Yorksky Dennik's** receptionist assured the GUARDIAN that the paper was very anti-communist, said the stop-Marc committee had "only a few desks in the office." Voluchek said he lived in the district. When the GUARDIAN asked his address, he said: "I live here on the premises." It seemed unlikely that rank-and-filer Voluchek sleeps in his office. He has a home at 76 Caryl Av., Yonkers.

Aside from Voluchek, Donovan's rank-and-filers bear strictly Anglo-Saxon names though the district is made up mainly of Americans of Puerto Rican, Italian, Czechoslovakian or German descent. The committee is not only lily-white (the district has a large Negro population as well) but perhaps the most elegant rank and file ever to come out of a low-income district. They are: Mr. and Mrs. Courtlandt Barnes of East End Av., advertising executive Oscar Kanny, architect Goodhue Livingston Jr., lawyer Amos S. Basel, Sidney Rich of the Sidney Rich Corp., and Robert K. Straus of Gracie Sq.

MARC TO DEWEY: Marcantonio made no comment on the "rank and file," but opened warfare on another level in a letter to Gov. Dewey calling for repeal of the Wilson-Pakula law which makes it impossible for any one to enter a party primary without consent of party leaders. He said:

"This law was enacted in 1947 for the sole purpose of depriving the enrolled voters in the Republican and Democratic parties of the right to vote me up or down in the

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CHEEZIT, FRANKIE, THE COPS!

The Police Dept.'s in an uproar

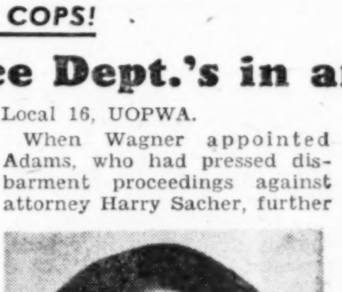
POLICE Commissioner Francis W. H. Adams stirred protest from on-the-beat patrolmen last week by encouraging some to sing like stoolpigeons and discouraging other musical cops by closing down the Police Band and Glee Club.

Some 50 years ago gangs posted "shoo-flies" to watch for the cops and give warning. The police took over the term and applied it to cops who inform on fellow-cops, report infractions to higher-ups. Last week the Patrolmen's Benevolent Assn. charged that Adams had brought back the shoo-fly, "the most despicable means of enforcing discipline and the most demoralizing method of maintaining efficiency."

WRONG SOCKS: The influence of the informer was bound to overtake the Police Dept. as it had the school system and threatened all civil service.

Under Mayor Impellitteri and Police Commr. Monaghan the Dept. had fired a detective, a lieutenant, a patrolman and two policewomen for "communist leanings." Typical of the evidence was that against Detective John D. Jones, dismissed early this month because a witness testified he had been a temporary shop chairman of Local 16, UOPWA.

When Wagner appointed Adams, who had pressed disbarment proceedings against attorney Harry Sacher, further



FRANCIS W. H. ADAMS
. . . don't bother me

witch-hunts were forecast. The Patrolmen's Benevolent Assn. made no reference to the witch-hunt but charged that "confidential squads" were turning men in for wearing the wrong color socks, having coffee on duty, chatting with the cop on the adjoining beat.

GRAVY & COFFEE: No one mentioned the run-of-the-mill neighborhood graft and the possible role of the shoo-fly in funneling it into the hands of the brass. Commr. Adams touched on it obliquely when he called PBA officials a "small group of disgruntled and disappointed politicians," said they were the same ones who had assailed Justice Miles McDonald when he was Brooklyn District Atty. McDonald had prosecuted 200 policemen for taking bribes from bookmaker Harry Gross. The big brass got off lightly then.

The exchange grew hotter. When 300 delegates to a PBA meeting criticized the new third deputy police commissioner Vincent Broderick as a "man of limited experience," Adams said: "I answer it with the contempt it deserves." Wagner said he backed Adams "1,000%."

Meanwhile some 60 policemen were reported asking for retirement applications. The excessive heat seemed to stem from more than a question of off-beat coffee klatsches. A full-blown war between the PBA and Adams might blow the lid off many precincts.

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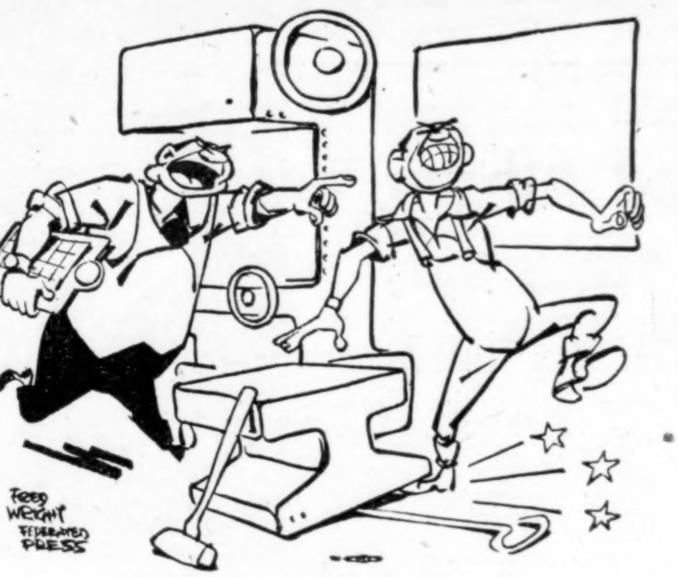

"Watch your language, Bagley . . ."

ASP presents music concert Feb. 26 by Negro composers of 20th century

A CONCERT of music by 20th century Negro composers will be presented by the N. Y. Council of Arts, Sciences & Professions at 8:30 p.m. Fri., Feb. 26, at The Pythian, 135 W. 70th St. ASP plans to make it an annual event.

"The Street," a new orchestral work by Alonzo Levister, will be conducted by the composer. A special section in the jazz medium is being written for the occasion by Charles Mingus. Other works will be: a group of songs by Howard Swanson, former winner of the Music Critics Award for his "Short Symphony"; works by Nathaniel Dett, Ulysses Kay, William Grant Still, George Walker and John Work; jazz pieces by Ellington and Waller.

Soprano Gloria Davy, former winner of the Marian Anderson Scholarship Award, will sing the Swanson songs. Other artists will include the Edna Gay choral group, oboist Harry Smyles, pianist Alan Booth and tympanist Elayne Jones.

O'Casey's 'Gunman'

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SHADOW OF A GUNMAN, by Sean O'Casey. Studio 8:40, 115 W. 52d St.

Marcantonio

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primary contest for Republican and Democratic Congressional nominations."

"MUMBO-JUMBO": The law also limits primary candidates to enrolled members of the party, but the Brook Bill now pending in the Legislature would allow party county committees to authorize exceptions. Marcantonio declared:

"You know what happens when these county committees meet. A mumbo-jumbo roll call is taken and the boss' recommendations are put through, one,two, three. Is this a democratic substitute for the democratic choice provided by a direct primary? Is this a reform or a dodge? . . . If it is true that you still want this law in order to keep me out of Congress, then say so. Stop the subterfuge and the dodges and admit publicly that it is necessary to continue a law that everybody admits is disgraceful only to keep Marcantonio out of Congress."

He told the Governor that if the "mess" were not cleaned up, "it is simply because the Republican politicians, and your boy Tom Curran, specifically, is afraid that if my name is placed before the Republican voters they will nominate me at the Republican primaries in the 18th C. D. If it is not done, it is because a devious character like DeSapio is afraid that the enrolled Democratic voters of the 18th C. D. will nominate me if my named is placed before them."

"LET VOTERS DECIDE": In the past Marcantonio has won primaries in both parties. He charged that the present law was designed to perpetuate boss rule and "dirty political deals . . . politely referred to as coalition."

In closing he told the Governor: "If you seek a coalition against me in my district, go ahead and try it but let the voters decide. Let the enrolled voters choose the candidate of their party. Take this power away from the bosses. This is the challenge. It is a challenge to your talk about democracy and it is a challenge to your claims to good government. How about it?"

Are we stewing?

NEW YORK, N. Y.

I want to protest against the slant of Elmer Bendiner's articles on the New York political scene. His articles are subjective, and serve to disarm the GUARDIAN reader, the progressive citizen. He gives us the feeling—shucks! what can we do or hope to do with such politicians? And we sit back stewing in our own juice.

I suggest that Mr. Bendiner take some time out to read Baldwin's articles in the GUARDIAN, "The Job in 1954 for Progressives." Also that he glance at the GUARDIAN issue of Feb. 15, 1954 (N. Y. Edition) on page 3 where Mrs. Agnes Meyer says: ". . . The reasonable people are talking to each other while the rabble rousers have seized the initiative and are having a field day."

Let Mr. Bendiner ponder the Feb. 10 Caravan to Albany where ALPers, Liberals, Democrats, teachers, parents, etc., all together fought back at the budget hearings. Yes, and Mr. Wagner was in the lead.

As an ALPer, I am working to strengthen the ALP and its program. But I am also working and attempting to influence all "reasonable people," including their elected office-holders to fight for the needs of the people.

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ELECTION IN THE 14th

Democrat wins Assembly seat; Domenech get 31% of vote

THE Democrats held on to the 14th AD last week sending Kenneth M. Phipps to fill the Assembly seat vacated by Borough Pres. Hulan Jack. The grip was weakened, though. The special election, one of the most tangled in recent years, was marked by a unity movement for Puerto Rican representation that crossed all party lines and rallied behind the GOP candidate, Gregorio Domenech.

The tally: Phipps, 1,931; Domenech 879.

The district in recent years has gone over 80% Democrat. Republican and ALP votes last election totaled 18%. This time Domenech, running only on the GOP line, totaled 31½%. He carried all of the solidly Puerto Rican election districts, though the turnout was disappointingly small, considering the representation issue at stake: 2,810 out of an eligible 12,500.

THE PRELIMINARIES: The west side of the district, predominantly Negro, went Democrat by an overwhelming majority, indicating that the Tammany tactic of pitting a Negro, Phipps, against a Puerto Rican had succeeded in some measure in dividing the AD.

Net gains for the campaign were these: Democratic bosses were told that the Puerto Ricans were not in their vest pocket. Party bosses were reportedly preparing to mend their fences in the area by naming a Puerto Rican district leader.

PRINCIPLE HOLDS: After the vote was in, Domenech wired Phipps congratulations, said he hoped the election might "mean unity for the representation of Negro and Puerto Rican people and other minority groups in the district." He told the GUARDIAN that the unity drive, and program developed by the independent committee was "the only way to assure representation. For that I will work forever."

Morris Golden, acting exec. secy. of the ALP said: "The vote showed a tremendous surge for representation on the part of the Puerto Rican people despite their abhorrence for the GOP line."

Gil Gerena Valentin, chairman of the independent Committee to Elect Domenech, said: "It proves that the Democratic Party does not have the mandate of the Puerto Rican voters. The fight for representation of the Puerto Rican people has reached a new stage." He said the campaign had been an incentive for similar drives in other parts of the city and forecast a "possible unity party of Negroes and Puerto Ricans."

OTHER ELECTIONS: Results in other special assembly elections were:

Brooklyn's 19th AD: Frank Samansky (D), 3,951; Joseph Sapio (R), 704; David Zeldin (ALP), 338.

Brooklyn's 5th AD: John A. Monteleone (D), 3,177; Wilbur Blinn (R), 932; Israel Levine (ALP), 55.

Erie County's 5th AD also returned a Democrat, John B. Lis. All the ADs in question are traditionally Democrat. The vote everywhere was very light.

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A NORTH BRONX MYSTERY

The Case of the Phantom Landlord

By Ione Kramer

ON Jan. 19, a fire in the basement of the apartment house at 3505 Rochambeau Av. in the North Bronx destroyed the boiler there. For 10 days the 38 families remained without heat and hot water. They brought in electric heaters, huddled under blankets while freezing winds swept through a broken hall window.

Meanwhile they conducted a search for the landlord, William Trystman, whom they dubbed "the phantom" because of his elusiveness. His address was given as 240 Mt. Hope Pl., Bronx, but he was never there. During the past year, 10 different agents had collected rents for him, some only once. At one time, he had placed a chute box in the basement where tenants were to drop their rent for him to pick up late at night. Repairmen refused to fix the boiler at the Rochambeau Av. house, claiming they had not been paid for the last repair several months ago. The janitor resigned with back pay due him.

DUCKING IS CHEAPER: Trystman has a long history of evading summonses. Two years ago he paid a $1,000 fine for 561 summonses issued during the previous four years for repairs on the Rochambeau Av. house. Last June he paid $500 fine for 16 violations on a building he owned at 625 W. 135th St., and another fine on a building he owned at 672 Wales Av., Bronx. In the past two years he has been fined more than $1,500. Once city officials sought him for three months. Last year he was brought to court for evicting a family with a 4-month-old baby.

"He figures in the process of wearing out the tenants he comes out ahead, saves five or six times the cost of repairs," Julian Trupin, lawyer for the tenants, told the GUARDIAN. Trystman collects about $10,000 a month in rents from the several houses he owns. (Trupin said it's almost all profit.) The "phantom" collected $2,000 a month from the Rochambeau Av. house, had no mortgage on it and no excuse for lack of repairs, Trupin said.

"PHANTOM" YIELDS: On Feb. 5, after 17 days as a "fugitive" and faced with a court summons, Trystman surrendered. At a hearing in the Bronx Magistrate Court Feb. 11, a meek plea from the slightly-built "phantom" that it "wasn't his fault" brought an uproar from the large group of tenants gathered there. Charged with violation of Health Dept. rules, he was released on bail of $3,500, and on order of the court deposited a fund of $1,500 to pay for more fuel oil and the janitor's back wages. The Health Dept. had ordered the boiler repaired but only one day's supply of fuel oil remained.

The judge authorized the janitor-superintendent Marion Fye to make all repairs hereafter and charge them to Trystman. The case is to be heard within the next few months at the Bronx Special Sessions Court. Trystman's maximum sentence is one year in jail and a $25,000 fine.

Wagner-Dewey

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Wagner who for weeks had been boosting DeSapio, whitewashing Tammany's lurid history. At the state committee meeting DeSapio was freely credited with Wagner's election. Early in the jockeying Rep. Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr., a contender for the governorship nomination, backed DeSapio and was among the first to congratulate him. Dorothy Schiff, owner of the N. Y. Post and a member of the party's ADA wing, was among three abstainers. No votes were cast against DeSapio.

CRUISE IN, WEAVER OUT: Weathervane No. 2 was Wagner's reappointment of Philip J. Cruise as chairman of the N. Y. C. Housing Authority. Cruise has been bitterly opposed by almost every housing organization in the city for his relocation policies and because he favors turning over middle-income housing to private builders. An Impellitteri hold-over, Cruise was a member of Parks Commr. Robert Moses' staff for 13 years, is generally taken to be Moses' man.

Weathervane No. 3 was the dismissal of deputy housing commissioner Frederick S. Weaver, Negro, and his replacement by Mrs. Bernice B. Rodgers, white. On the surface the change seemed dictated by political jockeying. Weaver had supported Impellitteri but, unlike Cruise and many others, did not survive the purge. Wagner and Borough Pres. Hulan Jack seemed to have in mind audience reaction to the Weaver dismissal when they spoke at the Negro History Week dinner of the Greater N. Y. Urban League. Wagner said:

"A city administration must reflect in its employes the best qualified human beings who can be found, for government service is never accidental. . . . It is my determination that we find the ablest people in every category which services the city. It is also my determination that no man be barred from such service by virtue of his race, creed, color or national origin."

Hulan Jack said Negroes ought not to be "unwilling captives of our own segregation."

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Manhattan

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NEGRO COMPOSERS: Forum and concert on their progress and accomplishments. Works by Diton, Casseus, Bonds, Straw, Margetson, Levista, C. C. White. 3 p.m. Sun., Feb. 21. Metropolitan Music School, 18 W. 74th St. Cont. $1.

A CENTURY OF BALLET: Nina Youshkevitch & ballet workshop, 8 p.m. Fri., Feb. 26. Countee Cullen Library, 104 W. 36th St. Free.

PEOPLE'S SYMPHONY CONCERTS, 8:15 Sat. eves., Washington Irving H.S., Irving Pl. & 16th St. Tickets: 75c at door or Rm. 1202, 32 Union Sq. GR 3-1391. No mail orders.

Hungarian Quartet, Sat., Feb. 20. **Amadeus Quartet**, Sat., Feb. 27.

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Cavalleria Rusticana, 7:30 p.m. Sun., Feb. 21.

FREE CONCERTS: Wanda Landowska, harpsicordist, 3 p.m., Sun., Feb. 21, Frick Museum, 70th St. & 5th Av.; **American Scene in Song**, June Kelly, 3 p.m., Sun., Feb. 21, Museum of City of N.Y., 5th Av. & 103d St.

Miscellaneous

FOLKSAY THEATRE, from 11:30 p.m. Sat. eves., 129 E. 27th St. Continuation of Topanga Canyon Outdoor Theatre. Ballads, plays, songs by professional writers, actors. Negro History Month program includes scenes from plays on the Negro and Lincoln. Players include Will Geer, Rex Ingrahm, Woodie Guthrie, Sonny Terry and harmonica jam session. Admission by contribution.

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Events for Children

Films

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N. Y. HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Central Park W. at 77th St. DOCUM. FILMS: **You the People; Democracy; Yesterday Lives Again; Give Me Liberty**. 2 p.m., Sat., Feb. 27. Free.

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MUSEUM OF CITY OF N. Y., 5th Av. & 103d St. **Williamsburg Restored**, 11 a.m. & 3 p.m. Sat., Feb. 27.

FILM FESTIVAL, Henry St. Playhouse, 488 Grand St. **An American March; The Great Chase** (W. C. Fields); **Story of Time; Wind from the West; The Little Red Hen**, 3 p.m. Sat., Feb. 27. Children 10c, adults 60c.

B'KLYN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, B'klyn Av. & Park Pl. FILMS: **Live Teddy Bears** (for tots) & **Vanishing El**, 11 a.m.; **Nothing But Air & Snapping Turtle**, 2 p.m.; **People of Western China**, 4 p.m. Sat., Feb. 27. Free.

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WORKERS MARCH ON QUEBEC LEGISLATURE

An economic crisis grips Canada

By D. S. Daniels
Guardian special correspondent

MONTREAL, CANADA

LINES of men waiting in bitter cold for soup-kitchens to open . . . miners' children fainting from hunger in schoolrooms in Glace Bay City, N. S. . . . closing of Canadian Cottons' textile mill at Cornwall, Ont., which stayed open throughout the depression . . . grain elevators bulging with 1952's still-unsold wheat while 1953's bumper crop lies heaped in the fields . . . one in 10 of Montreal's workers searching for jobs: such reports build a press montage of the economic crisis now sweeping across Canada. The workers' fightback spirit is indicated by two events last month: "Padlock Law" raids on the headquarters of the unemployed and the homes of four "subversive" workers in Montreal, and the march by thousands of trade unionists on the provincial legislature in Quebec City to protest against new anti-labor bills.

"WORSE THAN 30's": Official figures for all Canada list 338,000 unemployed up to Dec. 10; pres. Percy Bengough of the Trades & Labor Congress (AFL) estimated the real figure would be 500,000 by the end of January. In Montreal (1/3 of the workless are in Quebec province) an organization of unemployed has been formed for the first time since 1950 to campaign for government work and assistance programs.

Dr. J. R. Mutchmor, secy. of the Evangelism & Social Service Board of the United Church, Canada's largest Protestant denomination, wrote to Prime Minister St. Laurent that "for many of Canada's unemployed the situation is worse than the thirties." In textiles, with mills "in one town after another running part time," the situation is "getting grim" (Montreal **Gazette**, 12/7, 21): in one textile town, Magog, over half the 3,000 registered workers are drawing unemployment pay. The tory **Post-Record** of Sydney, N. S., reported "hundreds of miners already facing hardships, some on the verge of starvation" after the Dominion Coal & Steel Co. shut down eight coal mines for 11 days. Farmers felt the crisis early: New Brunswick's Agricultural Minister C. B. Sherwood said conditions in that province's potato industry were "little less than chaotic," with growers receiving ½c per pound for No. 1 Canada spuds.

TIME FOR A CHANGE: Further danger to the economy was seen in the figures on credit buying. Canadians buying on the budget plan have plunged into deeper debt than ever before. A new high of $1,732,000,000 in credit buying was reached for Jan.-June, '53.

As industry after industry reported f[illegible] business, many Canadian industrialists as well as workers shared the sentiment of W. Holding, of Genl. Steel Wares, that "a disturbing feature of the Canadian economic scene has been the increasing number of American manufactured goods dumped on the Canadian market" (**Financial Post**, 12/26). Holding, former head of the Canadian Manufacturers' Assn., said "very few Canadian manufacturing concerns have been immune." Such strong criticism has caused the government to go through the motions of strengthening dumping controls; as yet they have not proven very effective.

Growing pressure for trade with socialist lands is reflected in Trade Minister C. D. Howe's statement on Jan. 5 that "Canada is willing to do more trade with Russia in a limited list of commodities." During the war Canadian exports to the U. S. S. R. went as high as $100,000,000 a year. Last year they were down to a mere trickle.

OUT-TAFTING T-H: This is some of the background of the march on the Quebec legislature by a mile-long parade of French Canadian workers, protesting against Bills 19 and 20 which indicate how the anti-labor government of Maurice Duplessis expects to solve the crisis. Bill 19 would decertify any union "tolerating" one or more officers or organizers "adhering to a Communist party or movement"—with no definition of "Communist" forthcoming except that Duplessis called two Catholic publications, **L'Action Catholique** and **Le Devoir,** "bolshevik journals." Bill 20—an amendment to the Act of 1944 forbidding strikes among public service workers—would decertify any union "which orders, declares or encourages, or whose directors order, declare or encourage or whose members carry out a strike." This is a retroactive bill, specifically aimed at the Catholic Teachers Alliance, Montreal Tramway Workers and other groups which have struck since 1944.

"Sure I have seniority. . . . I was laid off three months ahead of you. . . ."

Determined resistance to these bills came from all shades of opinion in the labor movement, re-creating the type of unity that existed in 1948. The Catholic Syndicates and Canadian Congress of Labor (CIO) co-operated in organizing the Quebec City march; the AFL leadership stayed out, drawing bitter public comments from the others. The bills have now become law, but a campaign for their repeal continues.

"RED DRIVE SMASHED": On Jan. 19 came the raids under the "Padlock Law" which provides for padlocking any place where "Communistic activities or propaganda are "believed" to be going on. (Like Bill 19, the law does not define "Communism"; raids come first, then padlock—and it is then up to the evicted persons to prove their innocence.) The four individuals whose homes were raided (but not padlocked) were Harry Binder, an organizer of the left-wing Labor Progressive Party; Harry Gulkin, local representative of the Canadian **Tribune;** Henrietta Gagnon, a young girl active in a sports and social organization; and this GUARDIAN correspondent (formerly an official of the militant Canadian Seamen's Union, former editor of the left-wing youth paper **Champion**). Carloads of material taken away by the raiders included books on horsemanship, Government-issued booklets, drawings, prints and personal papers; they took this writer's entire library except for a few books, and just about everything he has written in the past 15 years.

Headlines next day read: "Raids Smash Red Drive for Recruits," "City Raids Net Red Material." Concerning the Quebec City march announced for a few days later, the press said police were preparing for it and no permit would be granted. Effectiveness of the demonstration was conceded in advance by Duplessis who adjourned the legislature before the protesting trade unionists arrived. Liberal legislators, supposedly against the bills, vanished.

Free World vignettes

Dancing went on for five hours after the midnight scrimmage. The Duke of Rutland, dressed like a courtier in green and gold, sat in a box on the Grand Tier, while from a box above a guest dripped champagne on his head. His brother, Lord Roger Manners, threw model Fiona Campbell-Walter's shoe at a photographer two boxes away. Lord John Manners wore Sarah Chester Beatty's tiara, and splashed champagne on Mr. Peter Ward's head as he danced with Lady Anne Coke.

—Evening Standard, London.

M'Carran Act parley in capital Mar. 7-8

A "CALL to a People's Conference in Washington, D. C., to Repeal the McCarran Act"—Sunday and Monday, March 7 and 8, Odd Fellows Hall, 9th and T Sts., N. W.—has been issued by the Civil Rights Congress. Delegates from the meeting will visit the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB), set up by the Act "to determine whether any organization is a Communist action or a Communist front . . ." or "whether any individual is a member of a Communist action organization." They also will visit Congress and the Justice Dept.

A fact sheet accompanying the call makes these points:

- The McCarran Act [Internal Security Act of 1950—not to be confused with the Walter-McCarran law] "is practically word for word identical with the earlier Mundt-Nixon Bill" and the later Mundt-Ferguson Bill; sets up machinery for the first U.S. concentration camps.
- After SACB brands an organization "Communist action," it is required by the Act to (1) register; (2) name officers and sources of funds; (3) file annual reports, such information becoming public; (4) label its literature as "issued by a Communist organization" or radio broadcasts as "sponsored by a Communist organization."
- The Act empowers the President to proclaim an "internal security emergency" and the Atty. Gen. to "apprehend and by order detain" persons "as to whom there is reasonable ground to believe that such a person will probably engage in, or probably will conspire with others to engage in acts of espionage or of sabotage."
- Concentration camps await such persons at Florence and Wickenburg, Ariz.; Avon Park, Fla.; Tule Lake, Calif.; El Reno, Okla.; Allenwood, Pa.

The Call names these "people's organizations" as having already been attacked by SACB: Intl. Workers Order, Jefferson School, Labor Youth League, Civil Rights Congress, Natl. Council of American-Soviet Friendship, American Comm. for Protection of Foreign Born, Veterans of Abraham Lincoln Brigade, Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Comm., Council on African Affairs, May Day Committee, American Slav Congress, Comm. for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy (last three being defunct).

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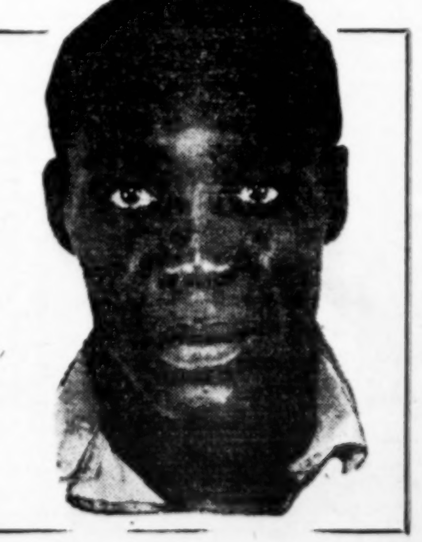
- Is not accused of killing anybody.
- Was tried under an obscure and outdated law which did not apply.
- Was convicted but (said U. S. Dist. Judge Louis E. Goodman) was "not accorded due process under the 14th Amendment."
- Was denied the right to present vital medical testimony which might have acquitted him.

California Supreme Court Justice Carter said exclusion of that testimony was "prejudicial to the defendant." Justices Edmond and Traynor said that it "necessarily constitutes a miscarriage of justice." Walter Winchell, in recent nationwide radio broadcasts, has urged Gov. Goodwin Knight to save Wells' life. Though the U. S. Supreme Court has refused to review the case, Gov. Knight can act for clemency at any time.

You can help save Wells by wiring and writing Gov. Knight, State Capitol, Sacramento, Calif.



'Rat-sewer politics'

(Continued from page 1)

publicans would return the favor during the Democrats' Jefferson-Jackson Day forensic festivities.) The Democrats were blamed for everything usually reserved for Communists and the Kremlin. Sen. Butler (Md.) said they "lost" China because of "delay, procrastination, indifference, obstruction and outright refusal" to properly aid Chiang Kai-shek. Sen. Jenner (Ind.) said his party had found "heaps of evidence of the stupidity, the corruption, even the treason of its predecessors," charged the New Deal and Fair Deal had "even tampered with the security of the U.S. and permitted traitors to bring us close to military defeat."

OUT OF THE CRANNIES: Sen. Frank Carlson (Kan.), close friend of Eisenhower, echoed the McCarthy-Jenner charges. Gov. Dewey of New York charged the Democrats with failure to send enough ammunition to Korea during the shooting war. Atty.-Gen. Brownell asserted that "many in Washington slept through years of Communist treachery and intrigue," said he is now evaluating the "whole monstrous picture" through 20,000 "lost" documents which have "suddenly appeared from the nooks and crannies."

Fitzpatrick in St. Louis Post-Dispatch
McCarthy substituting for Lincoln.

Sen. Homer Ferguson (Mich.) said Democrats had "traded the lifeblood of American youth for a wartime economy" and "promoted phoney prosperity to save their faces and their jobs." House Speaker Joseph W. Martin (Mass.) called on his party to "sweep back for all time the tide of waste, bankrupt spending and Communist coddling that carried us to the edge of ruin."

JUMPING DEMOS: Democrats were jumping mad; their leaders made angry protests in Congress, threatened to withhold support from Eisenhower legislation if he didn't call off the "rat-alley partisan approach." This brought even hotter charges of "blackmail" from GOP leaders. Eisenhower's press secy. James C. Hagerty said the Republicans were "just giving the people the facts." The President himself offered his opinion that the times are too serious for extreme partisanship, but the extreme partisanship went on without let-up. As of this week, there are at least 50 more GOP Lincoln Day speeches to go.

It was left for a non-Democrat in Congress to speak the plainest words. Sen. Wayne Morse (Ind.-Ore.) said Eisenhower himself is "a party to the big lie technique" and chided the Democrats for "crying 'foul.'" Instead, he said, "they should be taking the facts to the American people" and countering with an economic program of their own the GOP program which "doesn't protect the little people and plays into the hands of big business."

CURTAIN OF MUD: The Democrats limited themselves to complaints against "mean, untrue, dastardly" attacks. At least one was unperturbed; said Sen. Walter F. George (Ga.):

"The only people who are disturbed by what a politician says are other politicians."

The name-calling had one effect: it totally obscured such vital issues as farm and labor legislation, housing, health, unemployment, social security, civil rights.

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Contemporary Reader does service to progressives throughout the country by publishing the full text of the New York "little theater" hit show, **The World of Sholom Aleichem,** which reads as well as it listens. Its major verse item is an imaginative, evocative piece based on Lenin's period of exile in London, "The Man in the Reading Room of the British Museum," by ...ore Rella. Other poets represented, both with pieces worthy of note, are Mildred Burgum and George Abbe; a deft Puerto Rican short story by Abelardo Diaz Alfaro, dramatizing through a village school-teacher that people's resistance to "Americanization," is accompanied by wood and lino-cut engravings by Puerto Rican artists Rafael Tufinio and Lorenzo Homar.

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BOOKS 'Burning Valley'—a fine first novel

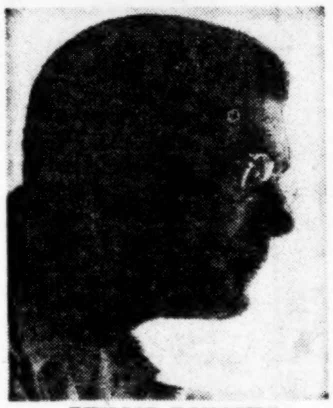
By James Aronson

OUT of the raw and bitter life of a milltown in the days after the first World War, Phillip Bonosky has cast a novel as searing as the yellow-hot steel slag which pours over the cliffs of his Hunky Hollow. Yet for all the pain of the life there is a tender passion in his narrative which makes it sing with the truth of poetry.

Bonosky was born in the country near Pittsburgh which he describes. His father, a Lithuanian immigrant, worked in the steel mills and he himself had his trade union baptism among the steel workers. He has written numerous short stories and a biography, **Brother Bill McKie,** the story of a founder of the auto workers union. This is his first novel, and it has the mark of great writing.

Burning Valley is the story of a boy who wanted to be a saint. He wanted to be a saint aloft in the nave of the Catholic Church, administering to his suffering people, healing their wounds with a beatific smile and a touch of his staff. He grew to learn, through the torments of his physical and spiritual life, that his consecration would be realized when he became a man who stood with his people and shared their suffering until they would all suffer no longer.

DUST OF IRON: This is the thread of the novel. But the story it spins is much more. It holds to one place: the shabby workers' district of a rich steel city, apart from the city, with its red dust, the stink of burning garbage and muddy alleys. It reeks of a poverty which stings your senses, and then becomes such a part of you that—like Benedict Bulmanis, the would-be saint—you no longer smell it. The smell remains only for the outsiders in the City, safe in their fine



PHILLIP BONOSKY
A world of steel and slag

houses behind immaculate lawns.

In Hunky Hollow, at the foot of Honey Bee Hill, lived the Hungarians and Lithuanians and Poles and Slovaks; and just beyond in the Ditch, still a rung lower, the Negroes. All lived at the mercy of the Mill owners who deputized their police to keep order and profit and Anglo-Saxon purity.

Here also was the church where Benedict soared into a realm of beauty—and if it was not, he would soon make it so.

THE TWO PRIESTS: In this private world the celestial prime minister was Father Dahr, the ancient priest with the mane of a lion, who understood the people and tried to help them. But the help was beyond his parochial limit, and he retired to the sorrowful loneliness of alcohol. This was the private world until Father Brumbaugh came, with his delicate face and hands and his Boston manners, and the struggle for power began. He could smell burning garbage. *(Where have they sent me, Lord, where have they sent me?).*

THE BULMANISES: Just as real are Benedict's family: Papa Bulmanis, bitter at his fate, so worn that he could hardly offer love, yet understanding where he had to stand when the showdown came; Mama, loyal to her man, proud of her Benedict, yet bewildered—and huddled in her bewilderment; Vince, the older brother, lost in himself, who could only spit and say "To hell with it," and weep inside; and Joey, thin and shocked, too frail to live.

There is Dobrik, the hunted Communist, who tried to organize the steel workers, and who gave Benedict his first catechism in the real way of the world as he wiped the blood off his face after a beating in a jail cell they shared.

Never once does Bonosky let his thread be broken. This book, one senses, is the work of a writer who has studied his craft, worked hard, felt deeply, written beautifully. And because of this it is a book that burns into the reader's senses.

BURNING VALLEY by Phillip Bonosky. Masses & Mainstream, 832 Broadway, New York 3, N. Y. 288 pp. $2.75.

Maxwell Bodenheim

This tribute to Bodenheim was read at the poet's funeral by Alfred Kreymborg.

ALONG with all who love what is brave and clean in American literature, I mourn the loss of Maxwell Bodenheim.

There are those in high places who want a poet to be entertaining, or mystifying, or mankind-denying. For them Bodenheim died many years ago—or so they wanted us to think.

While prizes and praises and unlimited publishing facilities were allotted to the poets of cynicism and snobbishness, Bodenheim's name practically disappeared from the so-called literary scene. He found it almost impossible to get a line of his new poetry into print.

Yet, with extraordinary stubbornness, he refused to surrender to the vicious trend of decadence and anti-humanism which had gained control over our cultural life.

He held firm to his independent viewpoint and style, and in his later work attained a purity, honesty, serenity of expression which stands in bold relief against the mass of dry rot produced by the so-called successful poets.

Those who tried to bury Bodenheim for almost 20 years knew very well what they were up to. He unmasked their hypocrisy, lashed out at their cruelty, and prophesied their doom.

But 20 years from now, and more, when the darlings of the cults are long forgotten, a few voices of our generation will live and be dearly loved—among them the rich, bold, uncorruptible voice of Maxwell Bodenheim.

—Aaron Kramer

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Rosenberg children seized

SINCE last Christmas Michael and Robbie Rosenberg have been as happy as two kids with their tragedy-marred lives could be. They lived in a home of love and gaiety; for these brief months they were shielded from the horrors that had intruded on their childhood. On Wednesday night, Feb. 17, the shield was pierced, the horrors back upon them.

To the home of Abel and Ann Meeropol at 720 Riverside Dr. went five representatives of the New York City Dept. of Welfare, including the director of its Bureau of Legal Services, Philip Sokol. They were armed with papers demanding the immediate surrender of the boys for a court action concerning their custody, scheduled for next morning. Among the five was a social worker known to the boys from the past; to her Michael shouted:

"We don't need any social service worker. We're happy here."

Abel and Ann Meeropol, with whom the children found the happiness described elsewhere on this page, are both former school teachers. Under the name of Lewis Allen he is a top lyricist and song writer, best known for "The House I Live In" and "Strange Fruit." One of his songs, "Apples, Peaches and Cherries," is currently on the Hit Parade.

LEGAL TRAPPINGS: The five were supplied with legal papers, but the move had been planned in total secrecy (there was no leak to the press) and it was executed with shattering suddenness. But the Allens refused to surrender the children at 7 p.m., insisted on escorting them to court on Thursday morning. For the rest of the night police squad cars parked in front of the building; two guards reclined on mattresses just outside the Allen door. Meanwhile the Allens went to work on the telephone.

In Chicago Dr. Malcolm Sharp, professor in Chicago University Law School and a trustee of the fund for the Rosenberg children, caught a plane and flew into New York. Others were alerted. By 9 a.m. Thursday the waiting room outside the courtroom of Domestic Relations Judge Jacob Panken was packed. Before the hearing got under way, the outside doors of the building had to be closed to prevent overcrowding. Reporters were present in full force, but only in response to anonymous phone calls—no word of the scheduled hearing had come from the officials involved.

HALF AN HOUR: The hearing itself, which lasted only a little more than a half hour, was held in absolute secrecy. Acting in behalf of the Meeropols were attorneys Sharp, Alexander Bloch, father of Emanuel, and Gloria Agrin, who worked closely with Bloch throughout the case.

At the hearing's end Judge Panken, in an unusual move, called in the press and announced that the court had taken the children into custody pending final determination of the case. Another hearing will be held next Tuesday, Feb. 23. No information whatever of the children's whereabouts would be given out, he said, and he exacted a promise from those present not to divulge such information if they learned any.

He revealed that the action against the children was based on a petition filed on Wednesday by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, which in turn based its arguments on information from the Welfare Dept.

"NO OTHER WAY": No copy of the Society's petition was available to the press, but the judge said that among the allegations was one that the children have been "taken from place to place and home to home without a guardian having been appointed by the Surrogate of New York"; another, that the children have been exploited for fund-raising activities. From another source a third allegation was reported: that the children are being subjected to political influences.

Because of these allegations, the judge said, "the court found it necessary that the children be placed so that the court may have supervision of the children through its departments and to have protection of the children." He conceded this will have "a serious impact on the children," but argued that "there was no other way for the court to do what the court did." He emphasized that he heard no evidence that the children had been neglected.

While the hearing was on Michael and Robbie were kept in a small room.

On Thursday afternoon Miss Agrin announced she would seek a writ of habeas corpus from the State Supreme Court.

BLOCH'S ROLE DENIED: In their last will the Rosenbergs had designated Emanuel Bloch as custodian for their children, but the judge said parents cannot name a guardian by testament and that approval by Surrogate is necessary. He said no application for guardianship has even been made.

THIS IS NOT AMERICA!

IF THE FRAMERS of the Cold War against Humanity—for that is its true name; please, gentlemen, spare us now the humbug about "communists"—wanted to sum up in one act the moral degradation they have reached, and to which they would drag down all other Americans, they succeeded on Wednesday night in New York.

They could not possibly have found a better way of advertising across the earth, for all mankind to smell and gasp, the stench given off by their collective soul. In this single action, all the evil spirits they have conjured up in their nine-years' reign are compounded.

They have seized Michael and Robbie Rosenberg so that the "apples of the eyes" of Ethel and Julius may be raised in hatred of their parents and of all the love for people those martyrs represented. When these "Americans" did that, they took their place with the great masters of evil down through man's history. We who have lived through the Rosenbergs' three-years-long martyrdom slowly learned that these were men impervious to pity as they are impervious to reason. Yet while we feared that this final step to liquidate the Rosenberg family would be taken—and particularly since the parents' friend and children's guardian Emanuel Bloch died last month—we hoped against hope that it would not be.

WHAT can we say of our feelings about Michael and Robbie—except that such a special love for them has grown in all our hearts that we would almost wish this horror were visited on our own children, rather than on them? We have known them since the Christmas party we of the GUARDIAN staff gave for them back in 1951, when the handful of friends their parents had made through the walls of the Death House sought little ways in which the frightful loneliness and tensions of the children might be eased. We have lived with their suffering through the ordeal whose cause and meaning could be but dimly understood by Michael, then already old far beyond his years at seven—and not at all by Robbie, who at four was a little boy lost, frightened to go near other children, only looking about him wherever he was for his mother, running to bury himself for fleeting consolation in the lap of any woman who looked kind and acted tenderly.

We have made with Michael and Robbie and Manny the ghastly pilgrimage to Sing Sing, stopping to buy them hot dogs along the highway, waiting outside the jail while they spent their hour with the doomed ones and Ethel sang them songs that recalled the bedtimes when they were a family. And we have seen them emerge, each child holding one of Manny's hands, to be surrounded by yelling photographers and reporters coaxing or threatening them to "get a story," until Robbie would cry and Michael would stick out his tongue.

WE saw them in their first foster-home in New Jersey, pictured them and wept for them on that bloody night in June when the execution of their parents, from shaving of heads to the throwing of the switch, went out over the airwaves, sandwiched between plugs for Pepsi-Cola and Packards, like a round-by-round report of a prizefight.

We learned of Michael's regularly returning nightmare that "they" who killed his parents would kill him and his brother next. We stood aghast at the ousting of the children from their New Jersey school on the ground they were "not residents." Then with joy we learned of the real happiness they had found in their new home—just a short surcease from the nightmares before the ghouls descended on them on Wednesday.

THERE are two things we must say now that the ghouls have fully unmasked themselves. One is that we for our part have never sought to "make political capital" out of the children; it is the cold-war ghouls who have consistently tried to do just that while charging the Rosenbergs' defenders with doing it, and have now shown the world how far they will go. As the GUARDIAN files show, we in concert with Manny Bloch have taken no step that was not purely to restore to the children some of the happiness of which they have been cheated.

Finally we assert that while the ghouls thought they picked up two orphans, they will find they have picked up two American children with millions of fathers and mothers and sisters and brothers all over the world. We know that it will be said again of GUARDIAN readers that they were the first to sound the alarm in this hour of new disgrace for America.

Let us say to the world with our storm of protest: This is not America. We will never accept that this is America.

—THE EDITORS

LET EVERY VOICE BE RAISED NOW!

The New York City Dept. of Welfare has moved to seize the Rosenberg children.

WRITE, AIRMAIL, WIRE
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Hands off Michael, Robbie Rosenberg

- **These boys are not public charges.**
- **Their welfare, health, education and well-being have been provided for by thousands of thoughtful people throughout the United States and the world, through a $75,000 trust fund established by their late guardian, Emanuel H. Bloch.**
- **Their foster parents are devoted, deeply - understanding people whom the children love.**
- **Enough that their own parents' lives have been taken: Michael and Robbie Rosenberg have a right to live unmolested lives.**

Your friends will join in this humane appeal

Ask Mayor Wagner to order his Dept. of Welfare to cease actions to remove these children from the home they love. Every humane impulse demands this.

Michael's and Robbie's short days of happiness

The following report of the happiness the Rosenberg boys had found in their new home was written by a woman with more than 25 years' experience with children as a former school teacher. Throughout the Rosenberg case she has devoted herself to protecting the children and assuring their future. This account was written just after Bloch's death on Jan. 30:

IT was the Monday before Manny died. He couldn't take the grin off his face. He had been to see Michael and Robbie on Sunday. He was so happy that they were doing well; he kept saying: "It's wonderful, it's wonderful."

An ex-teacher can be very skeptical of a mere lawyer's clinical appraisal of children. So of course I had to verify Manny's verdict—one used to children never loses the practiced eye nor the ability to react profoundly to children's accomplishments. And I thought while watching the two boys: "What a remarkable thing this is." These youngsters had suffered everything. But no one would ever know that they hadn't lived with this couple all of their lives.

FAMILY GAIETY: Michael, without ostentation, played a short bit of music he had composed himself. His new daddy had written words for it. It was hard to tell who was prouder, papa or Michael. Robbie quipped and joked every minute. There was such real gaiety in this house. I thought: "This is an interesting home for kids. I wish I was a kid."

Michael and Robbie insisted that I listen to a recording the whole family had made. Papa impersonated a horse and anything else he could think of. Mama was master of ceremonies. Michael and Robbie contributed what they thought were funny lines. I thought they were funny, too.

"Well, what do you think of our program?"

I answered sagely: "I would say it's pretty good."

"I think so, too," popped back Michael. "It's the best program I ever heard."

MANNY'S GOOD JOB: The new mommy and daddy burst with pride: "We have such terrific boys. They have done so much for us."

It was very hard not to be shaken by this remark; my immediate reaction was: "How happy Ethel and Julie would be now. Their dearest ones are getting all they could have wished for them."

Yes, Manny had done a good job. His very last achievements had been the establishment of a trust fund for the kids he loved as devotedly as he had loved their parents. And more important, he had found them a perfect home so that when Robbie goes to bed he throws his arms around his new father and says: "You're such a good daddy. I love you so much." And Michael in turn says to his new mama: "You're a beautiful mother."

The Guardian Buying Service is not included in this issue in order to give full coverage to the story of the Rosenberg children. The Buying Service will be back next week.